

A WORLD WITHOUT MONEY.

A free publication for mankind.

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Although the title is 'A World Without Money' - this is about PEOPLE.

Some people say that money is the root of all evil and in a sense you could say that they are right. Man has striven to amass as much money as he possibly can. But with the collapse of world banking systems and the rise in identity theft, is money really the safe option for the future?

Those dealing with financial matters and banking think that the future lies with identity cards and 'electric money' i.e. credit/debit cards and chip and pin, but is this really the answer?

Many of the social problems which man is experiencing today could be eradicated if money did not exist; but would this cause bigger problems and what would happen in society if money were taken out of circulation?

I believe that the time has come to take a look at what the world *could* be like without money and how society *would* continue if money were taken out of circulation.

Even if the idea seems ridiculous, I believe that it is a worthwhile subject just from the point of view that as humans on the planet, we *can* choose our path; we *can* change our minds; we *can* do something different, all of us, en masse, any time we choose – we *have* free will *and* intelligence.

But the idea itself will also act as a catalyst in throwing people into debate, not only about the issues of money and it's causes and effects, but also about the *real* social problems that exist around the world because of wealth, the lack of it, the social divide, greed, poverty, religion, class, family life, education, employment, crime; in fact it will probably stir debate in just about *every* quarter.

So, for about 5,000 years, man has bartered and used various forms of money or currency to pay for his needs and that really is the way things have been throughout our history on this planet.

However, have the *think tanks* of today, the clever people in our world; the boffins, the G8, G20 or the UN, even *tried* to find an alternative way of being that man could adopt in order to live, as a world, in peace?

Have the leaders of the world ever sat down and spoke about anything that doesn't cost money or involves a budget or a debt? Have they ever sat down and spoke about what is best for the majority, or ways that might improve the quality of people's lives?

Originally, I believe that that was the intention of using money, to improve people's lives and develop a fair and just system. However, that idea alone is fine; until you add man's greed, or man's laziness, or jealousy, then you end up with a monetary system pretty much like we have got now. You end up with haves and have not's and money becomes unfair and causes divide.

The world could be productive but at the same time enjoyable. Have we explored other ideas that might give man more of a sense of freedom in order to make his life less stressful? Have these people who are 'in-charge' ever even thought about a world without money?

That is my aim with this book; to dare to think about and explore *that* idea; whilst at the same time exploring some of the issues that currently face man on this planet.

I personally think there could be something worth exploring given the way most people feel about their daily lives. Wouldn't it be something quite different if working were a pleasant experience;

or if we worked out of choice, without stress or worry; for everybody and not for a small handful? Wouldn't it be fantastic and a massive achievement for humankind, an absolute first, if all men had financial freedom? Wouldn't it also be different if humans woke up in a morning and were excited about the world they live in, eager to be alive.

Perhaps they do, but I think too many people are too busy to appreciate even the smallest things in life, let alone the gift that *life* itself is. In physical and material terms, life *is* the ultimate prize.

Whether reincarnation is fact or not, who knows. What is for sure is that you aren't going to come back as the same person that you are now, in this body and in this time, in your environment and with the same people in it. This is it. This time is as much yours as it is mine. In *physical* terms, there is *only* now.

Being alive and sucking air is the ultimate gift. It doesn't matter who you are, no amount of money will buy you extra time if your time is up. And to throw away life, or treat life in any other way than precious and with the utmost respect, is just a waste and unnecessary.

Questions such as reincarnation and whether as a mind, you continue on a journey after death or not, are entirely irrelevant in this space and time. What matters is now. And I don't mean live for today and do what the hell you like regardless of anybody or anything; I mean life, your life, matters now; if there is life after death we can deal with that when that time comes. We should concentrate on the lives that we are living and the way that we are being.

I wonder how many people; given their hectic lives get a chance to contemplate anything beyond their daily lives anyway.

As a human being with free will, each and every one of us stands at the point of pure potentiality at any given moment. In basic terms, we have the free will to think, say or do anything in a single moment. We can create whatever we like and we do, all the time; mostly unconsciously without even realizing it. It almost seems like everyone is asleep and on auto pilot. Well that's just not living at all. That's just existing and living with the consequences of our unconscious actions, instead of really living life by putting something worthwhile into it and living with the rewards of the conscious decisions that we have made.

Why is there no time to appreciate even the smallest things? Why does it seem like human beings are on a treadmill all the time? And how can man, using his free will, not only create a future worth having, but find the time to even imagine what his world *could* be like.

I believe also that free will must go hand in hand with responsibility and to wield such a powerful entity without responsibility is mindless and counterproductive; although many humans on earth do exactly this.

Our bankers for instance wielding their free will without acting responsibly resulted in the collapse of our financial system and now we will pay a hefty price for the collective greed and the credit orientated culture that we have let develop; seemingly enslaving mankind further than he was before.

However, we were all happy at the time when money was plentiful and we were all enjoying the fruits.

But were we? Weren't most of us worrying about how we were going to pay it back; having had it and spent it? Perhaps some were, but most were also living in the moment, carefree; and responsibility was the last thing on their minds when they accepted the credit which was being offered. So to *totally* apportion blame on the banks or bankers is unfair because without our

acceptance, they couldn't have done it. And therefore the responsibility *must* be ours too.

As is the responsibility for everything else that happens on our planet; but it works both ways, from the individual to the collective. You can see how it works in all areas of human life.

Take punishment and children; teachers, police officers etc, all had the power to smack/hit children and to deliver instant punishment for the smallest of reasons.

Now had those teachers etc only delivered punishment for legitimate reasons, instead of whenever they felt frustrated with that child/person and the situation was out of their control; controlled, reasonable discipline in schools would still exist; and many people would say good, that's what some of these young people need.

However, there were teachers who I think actually enjoyed throwing a board rubber at your head or dragging you from your chair by the hair at the nape of your neck; and quite frankly they abused their power and *deserved* to lose it. But you can see that what happened on an individual basis, (irresponsible teachers abusing their power and their pupils) also affected the collective; and our actions then created the future that we are now living: a discipline-less culture where free will is *not* accompanied by responsibility and louts get away with beating up their peers, lawlessness and other anti-social activities.

By the same token, parents that don't know whether they are on their backsides or their elbows because of life's pressures and demands, react in exactly the same way; when children and young adults start to make demands; and they do from the moment they are born, fact; we as parents can become frustrated because of our inability to deal with things in a thoughtful, constructive and peaceful way. We become anti-social and we forget patience and understanding; we see the demand as immediate and needing our attention when in reality we have much more pressing things to deal with. We don't make the best relationships that we can with our children; not the kind that we might if there were more time in a day with less stress and pressure. If we did deal with life in a more patient and less controlling way, the result of that might be that families are more balanced and lead less destructive and violent lives, less stressful etc.

So in parenthood, where is the line between necessary and just punishment and impatient, unnecessary violence. Do we even need to smack at all? And if we do, what example are we setting for our kids to live their lives by. It's a vicious circle; and it doesn't have to be.

If, every time you get frustrated with your kids you react by hitting them, it is easy to see that in life, every time that child comes across someone who is frustrating him or is difficult to deal with, he will react in just that way. If as a parent you ask your child to stop doing something or it will result in a smack, is that not the same as saying, in life, if anyone refuses to do what you say, hit them? Can you see how we could quite easily and unconsciously, create unreasonable, impatient individuals?

Children simply copy what their carers do. They do not learn by being told, they learn by what they are living; watching what is happening in their environment and listening to everyone around them; they learn by the exact example that their parents/families/carers/teachers/communities/leaders etc have set.

And you only have to look at the world and the state that it is in, or even down the road in your own street, to see what kind of examples are being set.

So it is up to us, the adults, to set a better example so far as young people and children are concerned and to teach our example responsibly.

Free will without responsibility is as futile and just as *bad* as freedom without self control.

The fact of the matter is that when we are born, we grow up as products of our environments; and when we reach the age where we are making our own way, we live as we have lived, we do what we know and mostly we take that into our adult lives and continue the cycle with our own children; no matter how destructive, un-necessary or wrong it might seem to everyone else.

So why are we setting these examples? Why are people living these kinds of lives? Perhaps it is because we *are* quite literally products of our environments and we don't know any better. And if this is so, how do we get from the victim status to responsible, creative adults with free will? Furthermore, how do we get to the point where we realize what we are creating beforehand?

I would say that on a world basis, individuals and world leaders need to think about the process of learning; think about the examples they are setting and the legacy that they are leaving for not only their children, who are tomorrow's adults, but for themselves; their successors and the people of today who will be tomorrow's elderly and tomorrow's children, who will be their grandchildren. And this has got to happen on all levels; we must start taking responsibility for the examples we are setting and the future that we are creating for the future generations which will inhabit and inherit this planet.

Or just do it for the present and future generations of your own family, if there is suffering or abuse, or injustice – put a stop to it... make a positive mark on your future by making a positive mark on someone else's...do it in your own families and take responsibility for their future's.

This lesson I learned through experience and it has been a hard lesson to learn, but particularly harder for the other people involved more than myself. To give an honest explanation when I was younger and growing up, if I fell out with my girlfriends; and then later my wife, I would become so irate and bad tempered, so irrational and furious, that I would lose my temper and hit them.

I wasn't taught this as an example as I was growing up, I believe that it may have been hereditary perhaps, I don't know for sure, but such was my behaviour.

My lack of control first cost me my relationship with my first daughter's mum, then my second daughter's mum and almost with my third and fourth daughter's mum as well, who by then was my wife.

My behaviour continued through these relationships for probably about 15 years until one day, a light switched on in my head and I realized what I was creating for my future based on my actions in the present; but not only for my future, but for my daughters and perhaps even my grandchildren who hadn't yet been born.

It occurred to me that should I continue behaving and acting like this, it was very possible that my daughters would attract similar partners when they were older and should it happen that he hit her, she would probably just think, well, that's pretty normal behaviour, dad does it all the time so there's nothing to worry about.

On the other hand, my daughters might well behave in the same manner as I had done, becoming violent when things weren't going their way; my example of how to behave in such situations passing on to them and affecting their lives adversely as it had done mine.

And lastly because I would not be able to stand by whilst one of my daughter's were abused in a violent relationship, I would possibly end up fighting with males a third of my age right through my sixties and seventies.

What a future to look forward to.

A continuous vicious circle; spanning who knows how many generations, affecting who knows how

many lives and causing who knows, how much un-necessary mental and physical harm? What I did know, was that it would all stem from my example and it would be my own family, my own flesh and blood that would suffer, as well as me.

And to be able to see that clearly, only a fool would continue down that road; only an idiot would carry on regardless.

The cost, in terms of family relationships, community, health, education, future stability etc could be immense; more than I was prepared to pay and more than anyone else should be expected to pay, just so I could realize who I was and what I was creating for the future. All that hurt, to learn perhaps one lesson.

My responsibility was made very clear to me by my own thought processes and in the same way that I saw my possible future laid out before me as an individual, the same process applies to every individual; every community, every government and every country; your present actions are creating your futures, individually and collectively.

All you now have to do is look at what you are creating and if you don't like the picture, change it to one that you do like and you will be living your life as a conscious individual, in charge of your own actions, consciously creating a future that you want to live in; and as a human being, you will have conquered the victim status and now be in full charge and full control of *yourself*. Empowering thoughts they may be – but put into word and deed, a life-changing leap forward.

You will be standing at the point of pure potentiality; the edge of creation; a *god in your own world* – able to create in it whatsoever you wish. This is where your personal power is, no one can take it away and no one can make you do anything that you don't want to. All you have to do is decide how you are going to use it.

Will it be good or bad? That's up to you, it's your world and you have got free will.

Will you fail or succeed? That's up to you too, but having a positive outlook, a general sense of responsibility for your own actions and a firm knowing that there is always choice, will almost certainly help.

Now when I was younger, all I wanted to do was change the world; and over the years that has led me to feeling powerless and isolated. It has caused me so much unhappiness and often led to depression and negativity. In the end I began to hate the world and didn't want to be here. I often felt suicidal, unbalanced, disgruntled, angry and generally much cheesed off. I was powerless and felt that I lived in a world that was not of my own making and I had very little choice about it. It was just as it was. That was it. Nothing I could do. Like it, or lump it I supposed.

But my Gran had said to me when I was a little over twenty years old, 'Frank, if you want to change the world, you first have to change yourself.' It didn't help much at the time seeing as I was yet to spend time in prison and had not even met my wife yet who I spent years arguing and fighting with; so equating the change in me to the change in the world, we still had a very long way to go.

And only looking back can I see the relevance of her words and the depth of her wisdom and remember the other little gems like, if there's something you want, you have to first give it out. I thought 'why would I give my last fiver to someone else and how would I get it back?'

But of course she meant things like respect, peace, patience, trust, friendship; very real things but things that you can't touch or buy; things that make this seemingly shitty world worth living in. And I realized that whatever I did personally, it was in the world, I had put it there. So if I was being violent, or greedy, or whatever, it existed in the world and I was part of the problem; part of the

same stuff that I hated in the world.

So every time I was thinking, saying or doing negative things, those things existed, in reality. My own personal contribution to the state of the world; and I began to look at things like that – in the world and in myself.

And I also realized that the more negative thoughts that I had; the more I watched the news and felt depressed, the more I criticized the world's leaders for their seemingly poor performance, the more I judged other human beings as fickle and ignorant - the more isolated and depressed I became; and the more negativity I poured into the world. And that was just me!

Collectively, humans are doing this all day long; pouring negativity into the ethers to affect the thoughts and actions of those around them.

Of course there are those that pour out love and positivity all day long too and balance things out, but I fear that there just aren't enough of them. People have become very isolated and cynical, which in turn separates us, divides us and keeps us from reaching our full potential in a given situation.

Man has become very selfish, very self centred and seems to be desperately working alone, in his own shadow; achieving much, much less than he would if he were working in harmony with others of a like mind.

Many people don't even apply this principle in their own families let alone communities and spend their time working against those that they love and hold dear. Everyone seems to accept the separation that we create, quietly doing their own thing and falling short of their goals because they are unsupported by either their families, communities or the systems under which they live.

I appreciate that this sounds very cynical, but cynicism is very much alive on a daily basis and I see it all the time in everyday situations. Here are a few examples that spring to mind concerning the system that we live under, i.e. in the public service sector – not long ago, I was at our local hospital visiting my grandmother who was very ill. One of the nurses tending to my Gran was so impatient, often nasty and very rude. She treated my Gran like a piece of meat; without feeling or consideration. So much so in fact, that member's of my family complained about her conduct.

Then as I was leaving the hospital I got into the lift with a family member. Already inside were a nurse and a porter with an elderly gentleman on a trolley bed and another elderly gentleman who was going outside for a cigarette. As the lift rested at the ground floor and the door opened, I motioned for the elderly gent to go ahead, which he did. Then as he got about four or five steps out of the lift he stopped to check the numerous signs on the wall ahead of us to see where he was going. The nurse with the trolley came out of the lift backwards and without looking, bumped straight into the old gent and nearly floored him; and without looking round or apologising, she raised her eyes to the ceiling and tutted loudly before carrying on, totally ignoring the old gent.

I felt like giving her a piece of my mind but didn't for fear of causing a scene but I remember thinking how cynical these people were and wondered why they were in the job at all. It doesn't seem as though they are here to help and more so, it doesn't seem as though they care either.

A friend of mine who was made redundant after 25 years in his job went to the benefits agency and was treated like one of the people who hang around the place on a daily basis looking for handouts; he couldn't believe that he could be treated so badly after paying his dues for all those years. The people that he dealt with should have read his files and treated him accordingly, but instead they treated him with contempt and cynicism.

You would think that these people would be happy to have a job and would do that job to the best of their ability; with thanks, patience, understanding, fairness and a certain amount of happiness. But they are just normal people like everyone else and seem to treat their jobs as a daily chore rather than a daily opportunity to do their best and make a positive mark in their given fields.

But also, like all of us, they are trying to make ends meet and have families and worries too and yes after all, it is just a job and it's difficult to see it in any other way when the pressures of everyday living keep mounting up and dragging us into despair.

So what can we do about it? How can we get past those feelings and change things around so that our jobs do promote positive feelings within us and we do leave a positive impact on the people that we deal with?

Well as things stand, with the present systems and values that are currently held by the people of the world, it seems that the only positive thing that we can do is to express gratitude for what we do have in our lives. But how do you do that when your world is falling apart and life seems so cruel that it hardly seems worth living?

Some months ago, my sister in law, who I have known for 20 years, went to the hospital with her husband to give birth to their daughter. My wife had been on standby to go with them and sent me a text to say that she had had the call and was off to the hospital. A little over 2 hours later she phoned to say that when they had arrived at the hospital the staff had been unable to find a heartbeat for the baby and for some reason the baby was stillborn.

The baby had been moving and was quite lively the night before and at 39 weeks it seemed that everything was fine and normal. What happened in reality was unbelievable and so cruel that it brought our faith into question and finding anything positive about it was impossible. Our whole family was devastated by the news; but although we were being torn apart inside as individuals, we were brought closer together as a group.

Where before there had been intolerance, impatience, selfishness, nastiness at times, greed, jealousy, one-upmanship and unwillingness, there was tolerance, patience, selflessness, kindness, sharing, acceptance, friendship and willingness.

When we saw my sister in law coming up our path in the past, myself, my wife and my children used to groan and say 'oh god, they're here'! She was loud, annoying at times and her kids were a nightmare – into everything, selective hearing; we used to cringe.

My brother in law hadn't spoken to his mum, dad or any of his siblings for about three years after a silly argument.

My mother in law was sometimes domineering and controlling and often came across as brash and intolerant.

My wife and her sisters seemed to cause conflict with each other for stupid reasons and rivalry, jealousy and competition for their dad's affection was rife.

The children in the families behaved in the same way and didn't seem to get along as well as they could and often caused friction between the adults.

But now, after the events of less than a year ago, everything seems to have changed between everyone. It seems that this is the only positive thing that has come out of it all but it is on that that our focus should be and in that way, we should also give thanks for the things in life that hurt us but in turn strengthen us and always try to look for the positive in what is happening in our lives; even and probably more so when life seems that it can't get any worse.

On a larger scale, mankind could be doing this as well. Mankind as a family could be much closer than they are, but it seems that we are all too busy living our lives and trying to make ends meet, to even notice what others are doing or going through.

The idea of a world without money, implemented properly and responsibly, would have the effect of freeing up mankind from the enslaved position which he is in, to a position where we have much more time for family, leisure, contemplation and positive action. In a sense, we would be freed from the victim status and empowered in our futures.

Man must find a way to free himself from financial considerations for essential living – he must be able to eat, clothe, have a home and fuel it and a vehicle without having to worry about it or struggle to stay alive.

Man spends so much time in pursuit of money, for varying reasons from necessity to greed, that if he didn't have to spend so much time just existing, he could better use that time to create peace in his family and his immediate environment... and in turn this concept could encompass the world.

However, the very idea of a world without money seems so farfetched and impossible that it would be very easy to dismiss it without giving it any further thought; and those were my original feelings when I first thought about the idea.

I saw all sorts of problems straight away and almost gave up on the idea before I had even started to look for answers to the problems that I saw arising within the idea. But as I started to give it more and more thought and then discuss my ideas with other people, I found that there were solutions to the problems and even more positive benefits for man than I first imagined, beyond just everything being free.

Here are my thoughts.

By definition, because there would be no form of currency or money, everything would be free. Nothing could be bought. Straight away there are no more thefts, muggings, burglaries, drug dealers, bank robberies, gambling, prostitution; most general crime as we know it would disappear. Along with the above would go banks, insurance companies, finance companies and debt collecting agencies.

But, I hear you say, no-one would do anything because you wouldn't have to pay for anything; all work would cease and there'd be no food or electricity, or gas; production would stop and there'd be mass chaos and anarchy, civil war even.

And that's why I mentioned man's intelligence. Yes, that's exactly what would happen if everything was free and man stopped going to work and that's exactly why man would have to continue working in order to keep food, fuel and energy available. Society would collapse if those things stopped. I mean, that's exactly what we do today, now – we work in order to provide food and fuel.

But how could this idea work?

I'll try and paint a picture first of all and then go from there. A typical day for me as an aerial and satellite engineer would be something like this...

I would be able to leave home in my van, which would still have an MOT so that my vehicle was safe to be on the road, (and obviously I would have a valid driving license), then I'd pull in at the garage, fill up with enough fuel for the day or weeks work and not have to pay for it; go to the suppliers and pick up the stock and not have to pay for that and then I'd go and fit aerials for people absolutely freely.

After I'd finished work, I'd be able to go into the shop or supermarket, pick up what I needed, go through a checkout for stocking and reordering purposes and leave with my groceries.

Later on, I might go to the pictures or a restaurant, or the pub or a football match. It would cost me nothing, but no one would be bothered because they have exactly the same types of lives and privileges, in that they would work in whatever field they worked in, everything would be free to them too and in our spare time we could do whatever we wanted to do to fill our day.

There would be no unemployment through lack of jobs, because instead of a factory worker going to work and doing 10 or 12 hours, he/she could job share with three other people and each would only have to do around 6 hours per day. That would leave that person 18 hours in a day to spend with family, friends, learning, leisure, voluntary services, doing up their homes and gardens or whatever else they wanted to do.

Additionally, the factory would be on full production 24/7 making whatever it is it makes.

So who would go and shovel the sewers out or work on the bins I hear you ask. Who would do the 'dirty jobs'? Well some might be pleased to know that the sewers are cleaned by machines so that man doesn't have to do that particular job, but there are other menial or dirty jobs that people wouldn't enjoy that would still need to be done.

Well because there would be no money there would be no fines. However, there would still be petty crime, mainly of an anti social nature and instead of a fine those individuals could do community service in whatever field they were required to – like emptying the bins or shovelling out the sewers. Or cleaning, developing or serving public areas – keeping the place looking nice and contributing further to the communities that they live in; or even work based in the field that they currently work in.

But additionally for those that didn't have skilled or specific work, there could be community employment where individuals work in their communities where necessary.

On the other hand, if everyone was working for about six hours per day, someone who did the worst jobs that there are to do here might only work for three hours and earn *extra* time off.

But in short, we would have to all muck in for a minimum of 6 hours per day and do whatever it is we do today; at least initially. All the systems that we have today which make up our daily lives would still need to keep running.

Through our education and exam processes, individuals would go into whatever field their intelligence etc allowed them to be in i.e. not everyone could be a brain surgeon, or a pilot, or a brickie, or an aerial engineer. Natural selection through education would put people in the jobs that they could do and prevent people from doing jobs that they can't through either intellectual, physical or mental reasons.

In this world without money you wouldn't be able to ring up Ferrari and say send me a car I want one because they're free; but you would be able to put your name on a list and have one when it was available. So you might have to drive a Ford and go on a waiting list that was 30 years long but most of us would never be able to afford one or get one in our lifetime anyway. And that would be the same with everything; production rate would depend on demand.

Greed would have to stop and we would have to take only what we needed. Laziness would have to stop and we would all have to do our fair share and not think I'll let everyone else keep things going whilst I enjoy life at their expense. Envy would have to stop and probably would anyway seeing as we would all be in a position to attain whatever it was that our neighbour could attain, at least in

a material sense. Anger would have to stop and we would have to learn to communicate in more positive and productive ways on a world level, otherwise all production would focus on munitions and military might. Patience would almost certainly need to be a virtue that we all strive to embody in our lives.

But that is where it all falls apart in a sense. Is man capable of putting the highest good for everyone above himself? Is he capable of ridding himself of the emotions and actions that make this whole idea impossible? Can he rise above his present nature and develop within himself a new moral code which will better serve him as an individual and everyone else collectively? Possibly he could; but most probably not.

I have recently looked at the subject of a world without money and what different people and sources have said about it; and the one thing that stands out is that the idea is great until you put 'man' into the equation and then it all falls apart, seemingly.

Unfettered, un-controlled and unsupervised, man as an individual would probably choose to be a worse drain on his environment and his community than he already is at times. We have grown in a culture where if you aren't working and paying bills, then it's time to relax and take life easy; although there's never much time for that anyway; and seeing as there won't be any bills to pay, there would be a massive proportion of humans on the earth that would just choose to take of all life easily and shrug their responsibilities to the detriment of everyone else.

So although the issue of identity cards and 'chips' in people heads etc is a highly emotive subject and a massive proportion of the population think that it is a bad idea and some even believe that it is the mark of the devil and so on, I am going to approach this subject in the same way as anything else in this book, with an open mind.

I have done nothing but think about this subject for weeks and months because it ties in with being able to live in a world with no money, have plenty of time to live our lives and not merely exist; and more so it is directly connected with mans seemingly inherent inability to overcome his own nature and the need to ensure that the idea of a better world for everyone is attainable by ensuring that everyone is accounted for.

I think a world with free movement, where each individual is safe and where each person does their bit to contribute towards the quality of life that everyone on the planet experiences, can only be achieved if we are fully identifiable and accountable.

A chip similar to those used in identifying pets but with global positioning features and full DNA profile with information such as is held by passport authorities, DVLA information, health authorities, police authorities etc would be one way of ensuring that individuals were either in education or working at least 6 hours to contribute to society.

Now first reactions to this will be negative, as was mine, my wife's and most other peoples that I mentioned the idea to. Infringement of people's rights, control on a massive scale similar to big brother, abuse of data by individuals or organisations, someone being able to see where we are at any given moment, or perhaps switch the chip off so that that person was excluded from society entirely ... the mark of the devil and the coming of the apocalypse... it all sounds scary; or crazy? Not to mention humans having chips similar to those used to identify pets... people will be wondering where all this came from and what is going on.

Well as I said, those same thoughts were mine at first and it all sounded scary (and crazy) to me as well, but there are positives too which I believe make this an absolutely viable and worthwhile concept which should be looked into and discussed with and by the public. No not necessarily humans having GPS/DNA chips in their heads – but the idea of individuals being properly identifiable

and accountable for their actions.

It's absolutely natural for us to look for the negative first and it's natural to treat everything that comes our way with suspicion, especially if something might be imposed on us and even more so when people start talking about a world without money which carries a possibility of anarchy and chaos and then DNA/GPS chips which scare the hell out of people... after all, if we were meant to be like that we would have been born like it wouldn't we.

And conversely, if we were meant to fly we would have been born with wings wouldn't we?

Yes, but our technology has allowed man to do this and we have made life on the planet better in most cases because of it. It now takes 24 hours to fly to Australia rather than 3 years on a boat. The world is a much more accessible place because of flight and in that sense alone the world is not as vast as it was, it has become very much smaller.

But there are other options too which could be explored which would have a similar effect but which wouldn't be so personal perhaps. What about fingerprint technology where instead of 'paying' with your debit/credit card, you could simply put your thumb on a 'reader' and you would be identified in that way instead? Your movements through the day would be 'tracked' each time you identified yourself i.e. used your thumbprint - in the same way as a record of your 'transactions' is kept each time you use your credit or debit card, or mobile phone, or landline telephone, or internet etc. - you are confirming your identity and your location, you are there should you or someone else need to verify that.

It would simply mean that all relevant, general information about a 'person' would be accessible to the person requiring it. If you were in a shop, your name or 'screen name' if preferred, would be seen as you checked out; perhaps a warning might be displayed if there were age restrictions on any of your purchases. If you were 'hiring' a vehicle, your general information could be displayed along with your driving licence details. If you were working with children or vulnerable adults, your CRB (Criminal Records check) would be available immediately and wouldn't 'cost' a penny; and exactly the same with 'passports' - they just wouldn't be necessary anymore. And you can't 'turn off' somebody's thumb print, nor track where a person is at a 'precise moment'. Basic freedoms in that sense would not be violated.

But these are just some of the ways which could be employed by humans in order to achieve a common goal of a world without money, where man has time to live his short time on earth and do the things that he desires and achieve his dreams; but also we do need to have a 'system' where people are accounted for so that society functions and things in general don't change that much; except man's financial freedom and the amount of time which he has to enjoy his life.

I'm not a man sat here with answers. I'm a man sat here with questions and a willingness to dare to use my brain in order to create a future that might be worth living for myself or perhaps my kids - who are fast growing up. I'm sat here hoping to wake people's imaginations and develop within them a limitlessness that shows people how free we really are and how that is cut off by our own narrow mindedness.

So looking at the positive side of what is written above and I know that at this point you probably don't think that there are any, but if everyone embraced such a technology voluntarily, and additionally all new born babies had their birth details, blood group, dna profile etc taken from now on as the norm, it would change a lot of things.

Or if we 'volunteered' our DNA to the authorities as part of a fingerprint system which held our birth details in pretty much the same way as we have now and as we grow up our additional details are added where applicable i.e. educational qualifications, driving entitlement, criminal convictions etc that would also change a lot of things.

And more so, if the world population actually volunteered for this en mass, all the people who didn't want to participate for whatever reason; would be exposed as soon as they walked into a public place. All the people who are wanted by the authorities would stand out like a sore thumb just because they aren't on the database. Crimes where DNA evidence has been gathered but where the crime hasn't been solved would be solved as a result. There would be nowhere to hide.

That in itself would be a good thing – for good people. It's the same principle as CCTV cameras and ordinary people – if you aren't doing anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about; you can go wherever you like and your civil liberties are not affected at all.

People who are walking around free on this planet, amongst us, undetected, who have killed, raped, molested and maimed, would be caught for the crimes that they have committed. The world would be a much safer place for ordinary people and we wouldn't have to worry every time our kids went out of the door.

We are the ones enslaved without such a system or without a reliable and efficient way of identifying people. We are the ones who have no protection; whilst people who have committed horrendous crimes walk around with us unfettered, doing what they like. That would all stop. In fact if there were such a system or fingerprint/iris technology and we were all about to volunteer for it; those people would either give themselves up or try to hide. Very soon, life would be much safer than it is now and in that respect, I would certainly volunteer for such a system.

And it would make a world without money a very attainable goal.

Instead of clocking on and off at work, you would just be scanned in and out. As soon as you went to do anything, you would come up as a contributor, a lazy swine or an unidentified entity who would be arrested for further investigation.

All normal people who worked and contributed to life on the planet would be absolutely free to do as they pleased; collect fuel, groceries, go to the pictures or restaurant, holiday, relax with their families and friends.

Those that chose to laze around and live off everyone else's backs would stand out like a sore thumb and end up in community labour programs shovelling out the sewers and emptying the bins.

And those that are living here who have committed crimes in the past and have yet to be caught and punished for their crimes would be found and made accountable sooner or later.

So you could say that the idea of a world without money would have its price, but I think that it is a price worth paying if the vast majority of people on earth could live life with a certain amount of quality, freedom and safety. I for one would be willing to 'pay' that price if you so view it that way.

Of course it would be much nicer if we didn't have to consider the idea of identification at all, but it is the only thing which I personally can think of which would make a world without money achievable.

The stress levels that humans currently live under would fall almost overnight. The quality of our lives would reach new heights and there would be enough hours in a day to do all the things that our lives demand of us. There would be no reason for corporations to block technologies which would improve our lives further just because it would mean less money in their pockets. There would be less suspicion involved where governments and big business are concerned because monetary gain and greed would be taken out of the equation and therefore there would be more of a will to explore and develop technologies which sustained our environment rather than destroyed it. Families would benefit immensely because parents would be at work less and have more time to bring their children up rather than them being left at nursery or with a childminder because they had to work to pay the bills.

I believe that even with such an ID system, we would feel a lot freer and a lot safer than we do at present.

So what is stopping us from doing this?

When I mention a world without money to people they usually say 'Yeah, sounds good to me' and then give a little laugh, treating it as an off the cuff, humorous remark. Then when I go into it a little further, explaining about what my typical day would be like, their expression changes to a kind of dry wryness and so on.

People immediately see the problems that would arise because of status or class and the fact that we live on a scale which is determined by income or wealth. The higher paid and the wealthy are at the top of the scale and the low paid and the poor are at the bottom. You will either be working class, middle class or upper class depending on where you are on the scale. Your pay and class will determine where you live, what kind of car you drive, where and how often you holiday, the quality of your diet, medical care, education, probably your relationships and definitely your social life as well.

So the people at the top of the scale, in a monetary and material sense, have much more in comparison to those at the bottom and the divide between the top and the bottom is massive in all the terms that have been mentioned above. So class is certainly one obstacle which might stop us from doing this.

However if you were one of ten people stood in the desert and there were ten litres of water, how would you want the water to be distributed? Would you want nine bottles of water to yourself and one bottle shared between the other nine people? Or would you want the water shared equally amongst all ten people?

Our present monetary system and distribution of wealth, causes a situation where those nine people would have to share a bottle between them, whilst one person had the other nine. And the nine would probably argue and fight over the one bottle of water and possibly even kill one or two of the others in order to make the water go further.

Would the one person with the nine bottles of water then decide to share or would he let the others get on with it and sort it out amongst themselves whilst he had more than he could drink in a day? The logic behind doing that beggars belief and if there really were only ten bottles of water and ten people and you were one of them, how would you want the water to be distributed?

Only an absolute fool or a greedy selfish git would say anything else but share the water equally. So why does this happen in our present monetary system and in the class system that man has developed? Everyone can see that it's unfair and unjust; that it causes divide and separation; that it is a hopeless situation.

Why does it have to be this way and how will it be resolved.

Should it come down to survival of the fittest i.e. every man for him-self?

What if the nine turned on the one? Should there really be any reason to be analysing the situation at all or is it not just a simple choice of sharing equally and doing the right thing.

The choice *is* very simple; *share* or *fight*.

I know there are people who live in the world who belong to a minority who would not want a world without money because of what it would do to their bank balances and their investments etc, but the majority of people who belong to the working and middle classes, could never dream of the amounts of money that some people in this world have amassed; not even in ten lifetimes, so democracy would have to prevail and the minority would have to toe the line. After all if we are going to bandy the word about then we should make sure that we do actually live in a democracy where the majority rule.

However, not to discount those people from the equation, I can bet that there aren't many people in the world, however rich or poor, who would want their sons/daughters, brothers/sisters etc to die on a battlefield in a foreign land, or in their own country for that matter. Neither, I bet, do any of us want to continually see the pictures of famine or war in our news. Babies and young children, bombed out of their homes, starved in the streets. Cancer patients who can't get the treatment they need because of the cost and children who can't have life saving surgery because of the cost. How much does a man's hands and his will cost? How much is a child's life worth? What would it be worth for all that to stop?

How about we all wake up and smell the coffee? Man is in charge here, so why are we choosing this existence? Why is all this happening on Earth? Is it religion? Is it Politics? Money? Man? Is it just our Nature? Or all of the above?

It is said that every thought, word and action carried out by man is born of one of two emotions – love, or fear. And I am of the opinion that all the horrible, abhorrent scenes that we see in our news are born from the emotion of fear.

So why do we not, as a world, try to solve some of those fears and find more loving and peaceful ways of being? Why do we not choose something different instead of going on and on in the same way throughout history? Are we scared?

What the world needs is a quantum leap in consciousness. Why are we so preoccupied with life that we are not thinking about our state of being? And why can't we see, that it's the way that we are being that is directly creating our present reality and our future reality as well. What you sow, so shall you reap.

In the world's most recent history, politics and politicians have not been blameless for the present state of being that humans are experiencing. And I can only speak of my own country, but do politicians not see that it is the system or regime by which we live that determines how we are being. The system causes fear and mistrust. And the fear is a result of what we see our politicians doing on our behalf and the mistrust surfaces when we see politicians lying and ripping the public off, what we think when we see politicians behaving inappropriately regarding foreign policy etc. And all the weight of the law allows them to do it whilst we remain powerless to do anything.

The war in Iraq for example, didn't have the majority of public support, yet it happened, without the will of the majority.

Why? Because politicians know that once they're elected, they can do what they want; for example,

the speaker at Westminster was under fire for trying to cover up the expenses row. There cannot be a vote of no confidence or any other discussion on the matter unless the ruling party agree to give the matter parliamentary time. In other words, when anything comes before the Commons which the ruling party do not want, they simply don't give the matter parliamentary time and that's the end of it.

It seems that the Democracy that we have in this country starts and ends with our votes. Once you have voted, that is the democratic process over with and after that you're at the mercy of the ruling party. No wonder our MP's aren't afraid to behave like they do because once they're in, you can't get them out, at least not for four years.

Is it not time that all our systems were replaced with systems which better reflect a) the times which we live in? b) The opinion of the general populace? And c) The kind of future which we want?

The political system needs upgrading so that there is absolute transparency, so that public opinion is taken fully into account where decisions and policy are concerned, so that trust is restored, so that all the departments which come under government legislation work as a whole; the health system, the education system, the benefits system, the justice system etc.

I wonder why, if we can text and email our choices for who we think should win big brother or get through on Britain's got talent, why is it that we can't use the same devices to vote on political matters, referendums and debates?

I don't know why it is that we can't have a system which holds politicians accountable on the basis that they either represent or misrepresent their constituents. It's funny because my MP never asked my opinion on a single issue, yet he/she was representing me; you can see how long democracy lasts and why politicians should be accountable to their constituents on a continuous basis whilst they are in office and why they should represent their constituents in a realistic way based on individual viewpoints rather than just their own or their parties individual beliefs.

Why is there not a body which oversees politics and politicians and which communicates effectively with both the public and politicians in order to make our political system completely transparent, unbiased and where the voting population's views and wishes are represented in a truer sense?

The government or ruling party could put their viewpoints across on an issue and their reasons for forwarding a motion on any given thing and they could release the information through the overseeing body, which would then put that information into the public domain.

The voting population could text their votes, yes, no or abstain on a given issue, which could then be conveyed to each constituencies MP, who would then tell the house of commons, so many of my constituents voted yes, so many voted no and so many abstained. That would be the totality of those that voted in that area. And when the votes from each constituency from around the UK were added together there would be a general consensus of what the majority of people wanted.

That would be a real democracy. Why have we got what is only on the very surface a democracy? If we are going to live in a democracy shouldn't it be a democracy that truly reflects the majority's view?

Our political system, our government and all the departments which are connected to it need upgrading and seriously overhauling; the cost would be absolutely massive so why not recreate the system in its entirety? Make a new one which reflects the qualities that have already been mentioned. Without money all it would take is the sheer will.

Well, in view of the way that our politicians in this country have behaved and the only recent coming

to light of how they have been ripping the public off, I would say that they ought to really be thinking about what is the best for everybody and not just a few. And I wonder how well behaved other representatives are in other countries and how long it will take before people all over the world realize what is going on around the world in all countries, by all governments and people in power.

It is now up to those people to clean up their acts and do the right thing; to make amends and put things right.

And the idea of a 'body' which publish, distribute and collates all things to do with politics and politicians, would enable us to have a more transparent political system which reflected the people's views in a truly democratic way.

But generally, politics, politicians and the way our *present* political system works might be just another possible reason why the idea of a world without money might be unattainable and has never been implemented; but certainly government and politics would have to be at the centre of such an endeavour and be a major factor in realizing such a world in the future.

And previous to, as well as in conjunction with the politicians and government, it has also been predominantly religion which has suppressed and controlled the masses.

In very early times Priests spoke Latin so that the common man, who couldn't even read anyway, could not question what he was being told. And without proof, we are still being fed stories that may or may not be true.

Religion has done its own fair share of damage to the evolution of man on this planet and in other areas it has done a great deal of good; but along with politicians, religions worldwide should now do what is right for everybody.

Personally I think that parts of religion make absolute sense. The Ten Commandments, if lived quite literally would mean that peace would be on the earth if every man agreed to them. But so would it be so if the seven deadly sins were eradicated from man's being; and in conjunction used as a guide to living peacefully with your fellow man, these simple rules could make all the difference.

Perhaps there is no devil. Certainly not a devil which exists outside of ourselves and spends all of its waking hours trying to tempt us into doing some of the horrible things that man does. It seems like a pretty lame excuse to me rather than a viable explanation for man's wrongs. I mean come on, that just wouldn't stand up in an intelligent debate would it. Intelligence should prevail. Any psychologist or psychiatrist would tell you what effects the victim status has on man's psyche, not to mention man's compulsion to apportion blame for his misdeeds; so to tell man that a devil exists which will take his soul if he doesn't give it to god, is pretty ludicrous, not to mention controlling. And of course, for man to turn it into an excuse is just natural; especially if he can explain away his actions without having to question his own weaknesses and failings. It really is the stuff of kidology; childlike, infantile and unbelievable.

I believe that the only evil which exists on earth, is man himself and although religion has certain attributes that are helpful to man in his evolution, it has just as much which is not helpful and that has all the hallmarks of control and suppression.

Additionally, whilst representatives of different religions continue to behave in the evil ways that they do and have done, the proof that the only thing evil on earth existing is in man, will always be prevalent; especially seeing as they don't seem to believe in Hell themselves.

But on a more common sense everyday level, are we not told in ALL religions that 'God', 'Allah', 'Mohamed', 'Jehovah' or whatever else you might call your 'God' if you believe in

creation, created ALL things and LOVES them ALL, EQUALLY and UNCONDITIONALLY. So how can it be that we can separate ourselves from each other if we are all 'God's' children. How can it be that if God made all things and loves them all equally and unconditionally, that we can then say that the devil is separate from us *and* God?

Are they not the same thing? Are they not the 'good' and 'bad' in man? Is it not that man 'chooses' to be either good or bad?

Personally I don't see God or the Devil making me do anything that I don't want to and if I were to try and use that as an excuse, I would first of all be denying my own free will, secondly I would be denying responsibility for my own actions and thirdly it would be seen as an excuse by everyone around me.

Furthermore, if 'God' is all that there is; all that exists, does that not mean also that I must be God, you must be God *and* the Devil must be God also?

And even if that's not true; in a religious sense, are we still not all brothers and sisters created by the same 'God'; or brothers and sisters as in the story of Adam and Eve being the first man and woman, or in the sense of Noah and his small family who were the ONLY 'people' left on the face of the earth?

Or if you don't believe in 'creation' and you think that we 'evolved' on this planet and crawled out of the seas, are we STILL not brothers and sisters, made up of the same *stuff*; part of the same family of mammals, regardless of what colour we are?

Religion certainly has a place in history and perhaps it has a place in the future too; but if our world is to change, the things that are part of it must change too and religious beliefs are one factor which cause deep divide between people, nations and races and contribute to some of the awful things that occur on this planet. The Israeli/Palestinian conflict is a prime example.

But it is also true that this book deals directly with good and bad and free will and responsibility and the intention is to awaken man to his possibilities and his responsibilities and to explore the things which seem to be an integral part of man's experience; and religion, racism, sexism, ageism and all other judgements are part of our everyday lives when they need be no part of it other than in a personal sense.

So instead of control, religion should be promoting oneness, free will and responsibility.

ALL religions proclaim the 10 commandments to be from 'God' – so why is the first commandment broken by all peoples of all religions, including the religious leaders themselves? 'Thou shall not kill' does not mean anything else but that. So why do we see priests blessing soldiers and warheads? Should they not be talking to those involved in the situation and be trying to talk them out of it? Why is not every religious leader in the world on the doorsteps of our world leaders, telling them of the wrong that they are doing?

No one 'seems' to want anybody killed, so instead of being part of it all, religion should actively seek to be separate from it all; even to the point of openly condemning the people which promote this as a viable way of dealing with conflict and more so the people who allow this kind of thing to actually happen; such as individual countries leaders, heads of state and decision makers.

I cannot understand in any sense how a country who wishes to live in a world which is free and democratic, can perpetrate war or suffering on any other people, whoever they are or wherever they live. I cannot understand how an organization such as religion, any religion, can believe that thou shall not kill and be so openly complacent and silent about what is going on in the world.

Perhaps religious leaders joining together in God's name and promoting oneness in humans would have the effect of large numbers of people returning to churches and the churches having the power that they could have if people were united in the belief that thou shalt not kill.

In any case, a country wishing to live in peace and democracy would do better to set it as an example rather than by trying to achieve it by force; especially in the light that we have already determined that it is the example which we set which determines our present and future realities, by way of what the younger generations are learning from us – so what is the problem and why is it so difficult for us to lead by the best example and achieve greater things than we presently do and leave a more peaceful, harmonious world for our children to live in.

The simple answer is fear. The short answer is fear.

Fear of doing something different; of there not being enough to go around, of someone having more than us, less than us, fear of not being good enough, of being part of something bigger than ourselves, of living life without money, of living life without control in its many various forms.

The list is fairly endless but it does stretch from the individual to the collective; it is the same for a single person, as it is for a neighbourhood, a community, a town, a city, a county or state, an institution, a country or nation and also a continent or a world.

And that should be our task as human beings on this planet; to eradicate the fear which prevents us from achieving and being the best that we can be.

But one of the main perpetrators in instilling fear into people is religion – is it not? Without any proof of its proclamations, religion teaches us that we are sinners and that we must repent of our sins in order to be saved. Yet the church also speaks of innocents, children and the meek.

In some ways I believe that I have as much of an insight into religious concepts as the heads of those very institutions and in the very same way, I think I have managed to answer for myself in some ways, the questions that not a single religious figure in today's institutions have managed to answer for me.

Perhaps there really is something in religion, a message that we missed or perhaps we have just failed to understand that message in today's terms and in contrast to the reality that we are actually living.

Religions need to actively promote those things that unite us all, whoever we are, no matter of our colour, race or beliefs and if religion wants to retain some of its credibility and secure a real, living, working future, it must step upon a righteous path and do the right thing for once.

Religion does have a valid message in showing individuals the truth of its teachings, but it fails miserably to do so and additionally without even admitting its failings and its true standing in the nature of real life on this planet.

Ever since I can remember, I have had two questions in my mind that I wanted someone to answer for me and not a single person has been able to give me a satisfactory answer that is definitive. No teacher, no religious figure, no-one.

The questions were simple questions in my 5 or 6 year old brain and I thought I was going to get a straight and simple answer when I asked them, but I just didn't see the complexity of what I was asking and I didn't realize that in some ways there wasn't a tangible and reasonable answer; or even an easily provable answer either.

The first question and you must bear in mind that we are talking about religion here; I had just been

introduced to God and Jesus and the Lord's Prayer and it seemed to be a very relevant factor in living your life here, so I wanted to know who God was and who I was. Who was this person called me?

I wanted to know why God had made me, what was my purpose for being here?

In short, who am I and why am I here?

Simple questions - yes - to me, at infant school age. Simple answers - no not a chance; I hadn't a clue where my questions would lead me, but they never went away and the answers and possibilities were a constant activity in my mind, through my teens, my twenties, my thirties and now I'm half way through my forties.

At times life has been so confusing that I just wanted to kill myself and end the misery and suffering that I felt. I didn't feel as though I could ever be at peace and the desperation was driving me mad. Was there a God and was religion for real? Is there life after death? Was Jesus a real man and able to perform miracles? What was the meaning of religious stories? Does religion have a bearing to real life on this planet? What is life about and how does it all work? Is life due to Creation or Evolution? Am I a soul or a spirit? Am I a saint or a sinner? Does any of this even matter?

When I was 12 months old, my father died in a house fire which he had caused by accident but also by his own stupidity. It claimed his life, burnt my eldest sister severely, caused minor burns to myself, almost killed my mother and rendered her with lifelong health problems and resulted in my younger sister being born prematurely, only six days after the fire and without a dad.

My mum and dad were both 20 years old at the time of the fire and those events have left lasting scars on all of us. Being called a bastard in the playground and feeling that I had to justify not having a dad by protesting that they were married when I was born. Not knowing my real history because the reality of it and the brutality of it was such that my mother felt unable to talk about my dad at all when I was growing up. I didn't even believe that he had died until I was 16 because I had never met any of his relatives that I knew of, never saw a photo of him until I was 13 and I hadn't ever seen a grave. I just didn't understand it all and didn't realize that I wouldn't until after I had consumed 40 plus years of my life.

So when I was 20 years old myself, I decided that I was going to find my dad's relatives and by doing so might be able to answer the first question which was still there in my mind - which was who am I?

This may sound like an odd question to some people but to me at 5 years old it wasn't odd and it didn't seem any odder when I was 20.

People often refer to people who seem wayward, undecided and usually unbalanced during their late teens and early twenties as having gone off to find themselves. It pops up again around your forties when you still can't make sense of life or you still haven't answered the questions of your life and found peace, but this time, we call it a mid life crisis.

But a recurring thread through the theme of my life has been this feeling of being unbalanced, undecided and worse still a tenacity to go alongside of everything that will just not let me let go of something until there is an apparent and clear 'end'.

So I'm thinking if I find my dad's relatives I might be a step closer to finding myself and it seemed like a good place to start, particularly as I had had very little contact between me and my mum between the age of 14 and my now present twentieth year.

So I decided to go through the local phone book, tell people who I was and what I was trying to do and see if they could help or were actually related to me directly. I set out looking for my

Grandfather and by pure fate, or luck, or sheer chance, or divine intervention, I was talking to him on the phone within 5 minutes and within the hour, I was sat in his front living room talking to him directly.

If things were going to happen in this short time, I could get on with my life having answered my questions and found peace – and I was only 20.

Positive, yes; but almost certainly, a naive way of thinking and a definite lack of wisdom, due to my age and lack of experience.

Put so eloquently on the radio – knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; and wisdom is knowing not to put it in the fruit salad.

Soon after this, I met my paternal Grandmother, my Gran who spoke to me at an honest level, even and more-so, when she thought I was wrong. I had a deep respect for her ability to speak her mind and still make you feel as though she was being nice to you. But I had and do have, a way to go before I reach that level of being.

One day soon after I met her, I was quite surprised when she mentioned that she was going to the local spiritualist church that Sunday evening and asked if I would like to go with her, to which I replied, after little thought, that I would.

I didn't see any harm in going there, I was mildly intrigued and again, it might provide answers to the questions that I had; although I have to admit that I had always suspected that the people in the audiences at these kinds of things were either researched in advance by the 'mediums', or that the audience was planted and was playing along with it, or, that these mediums were able to somehow read people's minds. I also remember my Gran saying to me just as those thoughts were going through my mind 'Frank, the only thing that I ask if you really do want to go, is would you please try to keep an open mind?' I said I would but above and beyond being intrigued, I was sceptical in an ordinary everyday sense.

But I went and nothing really happened for me, except it was very relaxing and peaceful. Other people received 'messages' and everything and everyone seemed to be genuine people, nice people even, of all ages. So I went for the next six weeks before I got a 'message' for myself, which I could barely understand. I mildly accepted some of the things said about circumstances in my personal life both past and present, but the 'proof' side of it and who the message was from was not very clear at all. I was disappointed as a whole with my first message but one thing that did come to my notice was the laughter, the emotion and the reality of the people in the room. I remember the smiles on their faces as they were 're-united' with their 'loved ones' and remember thinking, 'I wish I could put a smile on someone's face like that, that would be cool and I would certainly be changing someone's world if this were all true and I could do it myself. I could blow the 'mystery' of it all out of the water and change the way man thinks and behaves, especially for myself on a personal level as well.

So I began to think that I might like to talk to someone and see if there was a way of 'training' to become a medium or did you have to be born like it I wondered. So that's what I did and I began my training very shortly after, sitting with other people that were learning the skill of being a 'channel'.

And it worked, in varying degrees, in differing aspects of mediumship. And mediums use one or all of these 'extra senses' in order to deliver a message. There is Clairvoyance – the ability to 'see' – either there in the room as an objective vision, or in the mind as a subjective vision. There is Clairaudience – the ability to 'hear' – again either subjectively or objectively. There is Clairsentience – the ability to 'feel' – either physically in your own body, or through the mind by way of association to a previous feeling that we may have experienced ourselves.

These are the three 'tools' of mediumship and we can all develop them in varying degrees. They are there anyway and we use them all the time in everyday life, we just don't understand it, realize what it is, or give it any more thought other than of being 'natural' and almost 'instinctual'.

In a biblical sense, this is just one aspect of the 'trinity' which religion speaks of – the three dimensions of creation – thought, word and deed – what we think, we verbalize and then act to 'create' what we choose. The Father, Mother and Child – the trinity of a family unit – creation at its most natural. The 'trinity' has a real meaning to everyday life – it's written in the bible because in the last two thousand years, nothing has changed, man is still living the same story – out of choice.

The trinity is an important aspect of life on earth and of religion and it points to the use of energy and the acknowledgement of the existence of that energy.

We use that same energy when we walk in a room and we can 'feel' the energies of the other people in the room and we can develop that further if we so wish, as with developing our inner ear, our inner eyes and opening ourselves to a different experience. So that's what I did, I developed those hidden gifts that we all have but use in a mostly unconscious manner.

I learned about 'energy', what we do to steal it from other people, how the fight to control this energy is prevalent in every aspect of our lives, how that very action causes conflict in all areas of human life and how we can choose if we so wish, to give of our own energy freely and conversely, by so doing, we lift somebody else's being; but more importantly, at the same time we also draw in the natural energy that is available to us in the universe in multiplied amounts.

I learned about being a good channel and putting the ego aside in order to remain balanced and true. I learned that in order for me to do this for other people, I had to make a space in my mind where the ego didn't exist, where there was humility and compassion, goodness, a real respect for what I was doing and for the people I was 'working' for as well as with and a respect for the people who gave their messages to their loved ones and made their part possible. So again it was a threefold 'operation' – the sitter, the medium and their loved ones who were communicating – three energies all working together in harmony and unison to a greater cause.

But anyway, it worked. I gave readings to different 'strangers' who I had never met all over the west-country; in private homes, in spiritualist churches, in the street and even in my hackney carriage.

I gave readings to people face to face, over the phone and even in their total absence without the presence of their being or the knowledge of what I was doing. But again, it worked and I was in no doubt that something was happening in reality, something which concerned the past but was happening in the present.

I did 'psychic art' – where instead of giving messages to people and 'working' on that particular energy, I instead drew their loved ones on paper; and that to my amazement worked too. These were strangers accepting, understanding and confirming what I was giving them by way of a message in church, a private reading or a psychic drawing.

I went on to do healing, using the same kind of process to open myself up as a channel for healing, where the medium, or healer, channels energy to another person, building on that energy and sending them healing through either the laying on of hands, or through no physical contact at all.

I witnessed mediums in varying states of 'trance' and in varying degrees of 'overshadowing'. Mediums which had the ability to step partially or fully aside and allow an entity to use their voice-box or their entire body and whose voices, mannerisms and sometimes even their physical features were entirely changed or overshadowed by the visiting spirit.

I had said, when I stepped upon this path, that I did not want to do it or even be involved in it, unless it would provide me with answers which I sought and unless it was complementary to living real life as an individual human being with a real life to live – rent, bills, relationships, kids etc. It had to be of use or I wasn't prepared to give it any more of my time.

And having walked that path and been actively involved with it for almost 15 years, I gave it up. I stopped doing readings and tried to make sense of it all. And other things were happening in my life which seemed so ridiculous but at the same time so poignant, so relevant and so in line with the path which I was on. But I had hit a brick wall. The more I learned about energy, afterlife and who I really was, the more I questioned things and the more I experienced – the more uncertain I became about everything.

I had come to a point in my learning and understanding, where I wasn't able to say for sure whether the information I was receiving, was coming from discarnate spirits who had once lived lives on the earth, or whether it was coming from what Edgar Cayce called 'universal consciousness' or the 'collective unconscious'. And I'm not entirely sure today either – all that I can say for an absolute certainty, is that all of it was received by the recipients and often confirmed in more detail by them afterwards.

However, I did not come to a peaceful conclusion and just kept those experiences as part of a bigger picture that I was as yet still unaware of. My tenacity and the unrest that was caused in my mind because of frustration and impatience just would not allow me to drop things and get on with my life; although obviously I was getting on with my life and struggling with everything as I went along.

My relationship with my wife has been up and down, struggling to come to terms with myself and other people in my life, struggling with our relationship, the kids, money; just the normal things that normal families deal with on a daily basis.

Then about 3 years ago, I had an encounter which would change my life and bring me to write this book. I had already hit my brick wall with the mediumship, not being able to answer a pertinent question in relation to what I thought was my fairly good understanding and demonstration of clairvoyance and had left that in the past some 10 or 11 years previously. Well when I say in the past, I mean to say I stopped doing the readings and the drawings and the rest was just taking place in my head; in my thoughts and my everyday life.

I remember analysing every situation, bouncing it across the mirror of my beliefs to see if I could see a pattern or work out what was being presented to me. I began to see that nothing has really changed; things in essence are the same that they have always been. Man has done the same all through his life with everything that he has experienced. We look to the heavens for answers, we look to science, to religion, to governments and people outside of ourselves, they become the mirror in which we eventually find our answers and we become theirs. We find ourselves.

I began to look at people's lives both close and in general and I began to see that we are no closer to understanding life in terms of the complexity of it or in relation to what our thoughts are on things now in 2010. I asked myself about the feelings involved, the dialogue and the resulting 'consequence' of the thoughts, feelings and actions in their totality.

And nothing has changed – we're the same as we have always been, doing the same things that we have always done.

And guess what? We are just going to reap the same results as we have in the past – in lesser or greater degrees.

My kids say to me, 'dad, is the world going to end in 2012?' and I say to them, 'we used to believe

that the world was going to end on a particular day as well. We used to watch Space 1999 and couldn't even comprehend the date – it seemed so far away. The year 2000 was just too far in the future to give it any real thought, it seemed totally irrelevant to what we were doing on that particular day in the past. How could we possibly comprehend what the future would hold? But...' I said, 'I do believe that 2012 is important and if anything, I don't think the world itself will end but life as we know it will end.'

I then went on to explain what I meant by that, saying that people's way of being with each other will change, the way we interact with each other and the way we see others in relation to ourselves.

It wasn't my responsibility to have any kind of an answer to that question back then when I was a kid. With no knowledge, experience, wisdom or sense of time I couldn't possibly comprehend or even contemplate the future.

But now at 45 I can. I can see both the past and the present – and from that, I can 'see' the future that we are heading for – and it's just more of the same with different people, different circumstances and in a different time. Some will say rubbish, of course things have changed. Yes, at a surface level maybe. The details are always changing, but the core driving force and the overall 'forces' at work in the world are the same as they have always been – which will of course produce the same like results as we have experienced in the past.

We could experience this 'past' for the next 1000 years, or 5000. But it's bullshit and a stupid way of being and it's only as a result of culture, upbringing and the past imposed on us by our ancestors and our history.

We have this narrow minded vision of how things should be and we never seem to look beyond it.

And our greatest enemy is ourselves, because we constrain ourselves with other people's thoughts about us and more-so with our own thoughts about ourselves. We seem to kick ourselves to death over our pasts and somehow feel guilty if we move on; especially after getting something so badly wrong.

Life's too short for all of this – time, is too short for all this. It would take some of us several life times to put right our wrongs and we just don't have that time – life is the prize and we're wasting it trying to mop up spilt milk.

What goes around comes around – it's the Law of Karma and it's true and it works, I've seen it in action so have no reason to doubt it. And of course it is described perfectly in the way we learn as children – by example, by what is going around. This Law could render us feeling hopelessness if we let it.

But then there is the Law of Grace – which says that we can transmute Karma or Karmic Debt by changing our ways and learning from our past experiences – by not repeating our initial action which caused Karma in the first place. The Law of Grace gives us hope and it is activated in the action of forgiveness and repentance.

We don't have to be imprisoned by our past, we don't have to spend the rest of our lives trying to right our wrongs, we don't have to live under the constraints of how we feel about our past actions, nor under the constraints of others who can only see how we have been in the past – we just need to let it go and move on.

Likewise, if we have been wronged, the action of forgiveness enables the Law of Grace to come into being and the baggage carried by us when we are wronged, is just as damaging to our health and life as the baggage carried by us when we have done wrong.

All healing and coming to terms with these situations will take time of course, but should we let what has happened wreck the rest of our lives and perpetuate into our future as well? No, we should allow healing to take its natural course and then we should let it go, as soon as we are able.

Drop the baggage and go be who you want to be. Jump the obstacles ahead of you in confidence that your past is just that – past.

By not doing so you are perpetuating that past on yourself and those around you.

The future is something which you will go through whilst living in your past or something that you will be involved in on a conscious level because you will know that you are creating it and living it at the same time.

And again, this needs to happen from the individual to the collective – we ALL need to change our ways and become community conscious and take control of ourselves, our children, our communities and our futures.

The people in charge are just beginning to get a grasp of ‘oneness’ and the Law of Karma and they need to get a grasp of the Law of Grace and then set a better example. Our society needs to change from one where there is a winner and a loser, to one where ALL sides win – our interactions with each other need to take place on a win-win basis, whereas in the past those interactions have taken place on a basis where one person reaps the majority of the rewards whilst half a dozen people works their socks off for a pittance and give up a vast amount of their time to earn it. We’re killing ourselves trying to earn enough money to pay the bills and have a very mediocre existence – when in actual fact we should be working together in order to have more spare time to live our lives and do the things that really matter – like having meaningful relationship with our kids and our families.

Half of the social problems that exist in Britain would iron themselves out in a few generations JUST because a parent was home when the kids arrived home from school, instead of them both having to work in order to make ends meet and provide some form of stability for the household. We would benefit even more if dad could spend as much time with his family as mum often does.

Under the mindset of my time, I would have all but lost my relationship with my fast growing up family had I not made a conscious decision to live with less money and more love. My then young marriage was just about beginning to fail and we’d only been married for about 4 years, my nearing four year old daughter hardly knew me, she was always in bed when I left for work and very often had already gone to bed when I got home.

I remember saying to my wife, ‘I didn’t sign up for this when we got married and had children you know’ – a life where there was only 9 hours between finishing work and starting again the following day and where eight of those were spent sleeping. How are you supposed to bond and have a relationship with your children if you hardly see them and when you do, you’re actually too knackered to be of any inspiration or use to them and what of a marriage where 6 days a week your hardly at home and the seventh day you just need to go fishing for the day or get some ‘you’ time and recharge your batteries?

Is it any wonder lots of relationships fail and marriages end in divorce under those conditions? But that is reality for a normal working class man and for what – 300 quid a week before stoppages and that was almost 17 years ago.

I think we underestimate the sacrifice that is being made here and I certainly believe that the implications of failing relationships and broken marriages is totally overlooked by the system that

we are subject to and live under, simply by way of virtually ensuring that both parents have to work in order to provide what I would describe as a very mediocre existence with very little quality in our relationships or our dealings with our wider communities.

Some men would say women shot themselves (and their husbands) in the foot when they began to take equal rights to the extent that it is today and many would say that the government only 'allowed' this to take place just so that they could tax the other half of the population as well.

In a sense, this destroyed what a family once was, but women needed to move beyond the chauvinistic attitude of the day and needed to break out of the confines of what marriage was to them at the time too – an existence where you might well go stir crazy from lack of adult conversation or communication, or where the biggest decision of the day would be what to cook for tea or what clothes to wear. One half of the marriage would die from exhaustion and the other half would die from boredom.

So women needing to be treated equally and the government needing to tax more people resulted in the kinds of families that most people live in today.

But this is not a win win situation for anybody, this is a situation where the wife and husband loses, because their marriage is really just a business partnership, the mother and father loses, because they hardly get to spend any time with their kids and they become mere providers and the teaching is done by babysitters, siblings, nurseries, nannies and schools and the bonding and caring goes out the window and of course the children lose because the example that they have had is you have a relationship, you have kids and then you go to work and pay for everything whilst someone else cares for your kids – in other words, you become a full time worker and a very part time parent.

The only people who win in this situation are the employer and the government. Or so you would think.

The government lose as well!

Their systems and ways of being and living have created the world as it is. Furthermore it will create a world as it has been before as well, unless things change.

At the moment, based on the past it is a certain possibility that we are headed for another world war – you think not?

Well prior to World War one, Germany started printing more money than it had in its gold reserves and eventually it went bankrupt, as it surely would and this resulted in the First World War.

Since the world's economic collapse in 2008 it has been made out that the world is in massive debt and cannot afford to pay its dues. How then can countries 'print' money that they obviously do not have, I mean they wouldn't be in debt or bankrupt if they had money would they?

You would think that this debt is to countries that they have 'borrowed' from etc but in the news recently they have been talking of printing another £50 billion on top of the £250 billion that they printed when the economic collapse first started.

So are governments fleecing us and printing money that they do not have? If they are, is it not a possibility that the same could happen here as it did in Germany in 1914?

And how did it get to this stage? Banks, Governments, or little small people gambling, cheating, lying and being greedy because in the end they thought 'what the hell, I'm giving up my life and soul for this company, I'm going to make it worth my while'?

David Cameron just recently spoke of us all pulling together and finding our fighting spirit.

But until we learn to break the chains of the past, I fear that this fighting spirit will be needed to fend off foreign invaders or fight as the foreign invaders – looking for more, more spoils, more money in order to pay, pay, pay – I just cannot see how this will change with the present mindset of the people in charge and the overall mindset of humans on this planet.

And the government will go on losing, hand over fist as generation after generation go through the same thing, the same lives; the same struggles. The populations moral compass is in danger of being marred which leads to acts of violence and crime and lack of respect. Our health is being ruined by stress and anxiety about the future which causes a drain on the health service. Our families are being eroded by governments who are too far removed from their subjects that they cannot possibly be a solution to a problem that they are the cause of and cannot possibly identify with the 'lack' that most people live their everyday lives with.

And all these things are eroding the possibility of love, understanding, give and take, healthy lives and peace.

It is said that 5% of the world's population own 95% of the worlds money and when you think about those figures you see how poor the majority of people on earth are and how far the divide between the haves and have not's really is.

Once I realized this, I decided to measure 'richness' in terms of love, relationships, happiness and peace and that made me a lot richer than if I measured it in terms of money and also it made me feel less destitute, a bit happier and gave me something other than money to strive for.

But in terms of happiness and peace, I am still a fairly poor man, for how can I be happy when I see the suffering around the world and how can I be at peace when the world seems to be falling apart and how can I either be happy or peaceful when I feel as though my world is at the hands of people who do not share my vision and who seemingly couldn't care less how other people feel.

For this is what life on earth is all about – how we feel! It is how we feel which directly affects our decisions, our actions and our thoughts. It is how we feel which determines our quality of life. And it seems, that how we feel is secondary, in the eyes of our government, to what we do. They don't care how we feel - they just care what we do.

But I contest that they should start to care about how we feel as well – it will make a big difference to the resulting lives that we all live on this planet.

Back when the markets collapsed and the government in the UK were considering what to do, they had a chance to change the futures of people here and create different lives for us all. It was their responsibility to seek out the answers on our behalf and use their creativeness and imagination in a situation which was obviously very important to the future of our country; and it was their job also to consider all possibilities and to do the right thing for the majority of the people; looking at all considerations, listening to all ideas and contemplating all angles. Their job was to find a win-win solution for everybody involved – all of us.

And they failed.

Our government, who is supposed to be in touch and who are supposed to do what is right for all of us, made a decision to bail out the banks with our money, so that those very same banks, who caused all this in the first place, could cover their debts and continue business at a level of government, politics and global finance and in turn, ignore the very normal working and middle class people, who's money they were using.

Global finance are the banks priority now – big business and major corporations, especially foreign governments. The normal man in the street is getting nothing - and for what? The small business in the UK, if it was lucky enough to survive, has been streamlined by more than 50% and is now just surviving, barely able to make ends meet and at way less than half of its original size and value.

Our government will argue that it was the previous administration's fault, leaving them with a mess to deal with and the previous government will blame it on the banks for effectively using our money to gamble on the stock markets and losing the hand so to speak; and the banks will blame it on individuals, gambling with the banks money on a personal level without the banks knowledge or permission.

But it doesn't matter who was to blame really, it just mattered what was done about it and how it was resolved. It mattered what kind of future came out of it and it really mattered how people would feel about it. The solution mattered, immensely.

And for most people it has just left a bad taste in their mouths. People are barely able to make ends meet and nobody trusts the people who are in charge anymore. Nobody is feeling good, nobody is feeling over positive, or even slightly enthused about the future; most people feel as though there will be years of hardship and struggle and that jobs will be so scarce that more and more people will lose their homes and live lives of poverty and austerity – and we have already endured three years of watching our fairly affluent lives, in comparison to some countries, dwindle to virtually nothing anyway.

Our towns are becoming backwaters and our lives are being diminished by our circumstances.

When the collapse first happened I was very suspicious, it was the same cycle that had been going around since economics on a global level had first started. This was the same story, repeating itself over and again – economic collapse every 20-30 years and the banks then take back the homes that that generation had been paying for for the last 20 or so years just so they could sell them on to the next generations until they needed them back again.

What a lucrative business that is – selling people something that they will never be able to own because when they get close to it, the product is repossessed because it has not/cannot be paid for and then sold on to someone else who will also pay for it for a time as well.

This is timeshare on our homes – well, the banks homes; our mortgage money is effectively just rent for the period that we live in the house.

So a house is bought, the deposit money is taken, then the mortgage is paid for the period of occupation, which could be up to 20 years and then the home is repossessed so that the whole process can begin again with someone else. It's a con – for most people.

Most people will never actually own their own homes at all and for those that do, you will be required to sell them off in order to pay your own way when you end up in a care home later in life. Those of you who manage to keep your homes through all of that will probably pass them on to your children, so because they will be living rent and mortgage free, they will have to pay a very large fee in order to keep that home – they may even have to remortgage the home in order to pay the inheritance tax or they may have to sell the house and downsize or live in rented accommodation anyway.

Going back to when the collapse first happened and when our leaders were contemplating what to do about it – a suggestion was made on the news that our government could either bail out the

banks or they could pay everyone in the UK a one off payment of £300,000.

The government decided to use our money to bail out the banks and we are now living the resulting state of affairs. But at the time, had the government decided to do that, most people would have been able to pay off their mortgages fully, pay off their debts and credit cards and still have had a reasonable sum of money left to be able to start up their own small business doing something that they enjoyed or they were good at.

Most of that money would have found its way back into the banks anyway.

Let's see – my mortgage company would have had around £87,000 of that money, the loan company for new windows and doors would have had around £8-10,000, my bank would have had £5,000 for my loan and I would have had around £150,000 left to do what I liked with.

I had one credit card in my life with a £200 limit on it – in the end it cost me almost £1,000 to pay off. I felt violated and ripped off and vowed that I would never have another one – I was lucky. Many people would still have a lot more than that to pay off, but I still believe that the majority would be better off and would still have had some of that money left.

As it is, nobody has got anything out of this; all we have been left with is this sour taste and a bleak future.

Instead of Job Seekers allowance becoming obsolete we have growing unemployment – instead of people becoming financially free, we have austerity, cuts and our homes being repossessed – instead of life becoming a healthier, freer kind of existence, we have a health service that can barely cope and where hospitals are being closed in large towns and where people have to travel miles to get medical help, despite the growing number of illnesses related to stress and anxiety, which are in turn related to poverty and worry about the future.

So why did our leaders make a decision which would result in our present way of life rather than a life where we would be financially free and enthusiastic about our country, it's leaders and our future?

It makes me so angry that the government seems to have had no real sense of responsibility to its people and seems that it was so narrow minded that it could not see the alternatives – and even more angry that they may have seen the alternatives and chose this instead. Why?

Control? Fear? Misguidance? Stupidity even? The truth is, I really don't know.

What I do know is, this desperate feeling of a bleak future will do more damage than good if it is left unchecked and people do not begin to understand the importance of what is going on in their lives and the kind of future that we are heading for if people continue to make the wrong decisions based on misguided ideas about what makes life worth it for people.

We want our lives back – we don't want to give them to your central based government so that we can live lives like this; we don't want to be the losers at the end of it all – we want to be winners with you, involved in what is going on and part of a bright and happy future where all matters.

Your laws are based on hypocrisy, mistruths, lies and misinformation. Your institutes are based on profit where individuals lose and major corporations win. Your justice system is based on a false sense of reform where people's pasts become their future jailers and where victims cannot move forward. Your schools are places where children learn that success is rewarded but failure is punished, no matter how hard you tried; and where economic success is far more important than social success. You have created a place where money and status are more important than people and where 'things' are more important than individuals.

It is time for change – peaceful, co-operative change. It is time that we saw the oneness in us all and the all of us in one person. People are being failed here and there is no good reason for it.

Children are being failed from the beginnings of their lives and adults are being cheated of their rights to a better future by greedy, selfish, perhaps just unthinking and unwise leaders who have as much clue as the next person as to how to deal with things.

And moreover, people have become so apathetic about their situations and in most cases just too busy or overwhelmed by their lives, that they just cannot think of the solutions or lift themselves far enough above the mire to be able to see anything at all.

This is a country where an individual could not talk to the Prime Minister even if they wanted to. A country where democracy is actually a half truth and a country where people still now, cannot trust their governments to do what is right for us.

We have been demoralised to the point of apathy and everyone seems to be waiting for what will come next.

What will come next?

According to history, it will not be long before the world is at war once again – decimating populations because there is not enough to go round – too many people – not enough jobs or money – immigration as people move around trying to get a better deal – control and war, again.... because no one can see a solution or can be bothered to look for one; and because they think that this kind of existence for people is actually okay and fine.

But it is individuals who make policy and individuals who make up organisations, without the people, there would not be an organisation, or a company, or a group... individuals make everything – but of course in turn would be nothing without the organisation (other people) behind them. So it follows that individuals have a responsibility and also organisations have a responsibility – but for what, or to whom?

To people.

All people.

Because we are all in this together and we are all making decisions based on the best for all people and based on win-win situations for all people.

As I write, people around the world have begun to occupy their cities and soon towns too in displays of discontent and civil disobedience; and I believe that this will grow to a critical mass where the world governments will have to take notice.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that people are in fact waking up and realizing the oneness in the all.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that as people record these activities and publish them for the world to see, that governments have little or no way of hiding their response to these events, or even be able to avoid commenting on them because only a very small minority know about them.

In past history, this would have been seen as defiance or dissent to the crown and large numbers of people may have been herded into fields and shot – but these days, it would be on you tube before the last person fell.

It has been the way of the past to isolate people and make them feel alone and separated; and

many people have been able to disguise that fact; that they do feel alone and isolated, by immersing themselves into materialism and pretending that everything is okay and they are really very happy; in short, putting on a brave face and pretending, when in actual fact, they are scared; scared to take responsibility and create their own futures; scared of standing up in case they stand alone; scared of being in the minority.... well the truth is, the minority are very, very happy and the majority are very, very worried; so most people are not alone in this – they are small cogs of a very much bigger picture of discontent and worry - and they are certainly not alone.

But how things go from here, I am not sure, for the future is tomorrow and today is just the present, lived through by all of us in the actions that we perform on this day. The past should have no hold on us and we should move towards a future and a today where our faith in our fellow man is restored and where our oneness is reflected in our society.

Should we try to create a world without money and is there any need?

Should we have a system where food, fuel, energy and water are free and where our wages that we currently work for are spent on creating better lives for our families and communities, instead of the basic survival stuff?

Should we stand by and watch this happening and do nothing – simply walk off the edge of the cliff so to speak without thinking about it or questioning it at all - in other words, do nothing?

Or should we at the very least, stand in our local town centres on a Sunday until momentum gathers and people join in – standing up and being counted?

The truth is, something must change in the way we see ourselves, both individually and in relation to one another and until it does we will continue to live disparate lives and get nowhere.

Is money the root of all evil, or is it just a tool that people have put too much emphasis on?

Or is it man that is evil; forever in pursuit of money and power over others?

As I said, I do not know the answers; I can only voice my thoughts and tell people how I feel. I can only send out my thoughts and energy, in the belief that I will connect with like minded people who will begin to also wake up and see the truth; mankind's truth.

I can only galvanize people into thought or action through my own beliefs and feelings; I do not have the answers; WE have the answers, but unfortunately, I do not.

If our governments take any part of this seriously, they will begin to develop the platforms available for people to live more meaningful lives; more democratic, freer lives. They will begin to do something about the awful mess that the world faces and think about the role that they play in making our realities what they presently are.

The world's governments must find a way to lift their people up, renew their hope and give them and their families a future which is worthy and representing of who humans are and how they should be treated and valued.

In Iraq last year, there were people out on the streets who just cannot believe the freedoms that they now have. Prior to coalition forces invaded Iraq, the people of the country were suppressed, controlled and lived in fear of their own government forces. Today, young women walk around

freely without their hijabs and life there is very much different than it was a decade ago.

You can see the enthusiasm on the people's faces; their zest for life and their new found freedoms plainly visible. I watched on the news and thought about what life was like for them before and the stark contrast between our freedoms and theirs; freedoms that we have taken for granted for years and that the Iraqi people could only dream about.

And I realised in that moment that it was this very real sense of freedom and change which enabled the Iraqi's to look forward to building a better future, free from the control and dictatorship of the past.

A significant change had taken place which gave the people hope for the future; a change which placed the people at the point of pure potentiality, in the now, free to create that future together, en masse.

And I wondered if there would be significant change in the way that we live our lives, in our country, which would give us that same sense of freedom and enthusiasm; which would stand us at the edge of our own creation, so much so that we felt free to create a better future far from what we had experienced in the past.

Now in contrast, we have been free. We haven't been suppressed by religion, or dictated to by government. We haven't been told what we can or can't wear, or where we can and can't go. We haven't had to live under a dictatorship which threatened the lives of the populace or been subject to religious police who would publicly execute people for their beliefs. Had it been so, I would not have been able to write this book without fear of imprisonment or execution; although this book itself would have caused me many problems had I been born in the 30's or 40's.

However, it is still true that many people in this country do not feel free. Life itself seems like a prison sometimes; having to continually live within the restraints of society and obey laws which restrict personal freedom of choice and expression. Our nanny state is in some ways just as bad and suppressing as the Iraqi regime was and people here feel controlled and governed beyond what is necessary.

Obviously this is comparative and in contrast to the freedoms and restraints that other nations experience and we do seem to be much better off and have more in the way of freedom than many; but it is still the same and the fact that control exists in its present form, is just as damaging to the populace of Britain as it was to the Iraqi's.

What I would like to know, is how our leaders are going to achieve that same state of freedom and enthusiasm here, without the violence and chaos that was caused in Iraq. Will they do something positive that will lift the hearts and minds of people here, or will they ignore the depressive state in which many of us live and let nature take its course?

Will Britain find itself at the heart of civil war, or will it find itself at the heart of civility and peace. Will our government grab its chance to make positive, intentional change to the way things are here, or will it go with the flow and deal with things as they arise? Take a chance so to speak.

Will they wait blindly for another world war to take place so that once mankind is decimated and hammered to the ground and at his lowest point he will then choose not to die and in turn choose a different way of being.

Or were the efforts of our ancestors who fought in the two world wars wasted on ignorant, arrogant people who have too easily forgot the price that they paid in order for us to stand ourselves up, brush ourselves off and start again. So far we are going down the same road and may well end up in

the same place.

And if not, how?

We need to find solutions, but first, we must come together.

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